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PROCLAMATION,

Recalling former Acts or Proclamations, declaring Forraign Victual free of Duty, and ordaining all Victuall to be Imported to pay Duty as before the Saids former Acts and Proclamation,



WILLIAM by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Our Lovits,

Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch, as by Our Proclamation of the Date, the Sixth day of August, One thousand six hundred ninety six years, The exacting of any Custom, Excise, or other Imposition laid upon Victual Imported into this Kingdom by Sea or Land, from any other Countrey, by any Act of Parliament, or Book of Rates, was discharged: And likewise, by an Act of the Lords of Our Privy Council, dated the 29 day of December, One thousand six hundred ninety six years, all Victual Imported into this Kingdom from Abroad, was declared to be free of all Custom and Excise, or other Publick Duties whatsoever: And seeing the foresaid Proclamation and Act of Council were past and Published, for encouraging such who should Import Victual, for relief of the Poor, under the then scarcity and dearth, which now are competently provided against, by the plenty of Victual already Imported, and the old Victual yet in the Countrey not consumed or spent: And there being likewise the Prospect of a very good Harvest, and plentiful Cropt approaching. Therefore We, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, have discharged the foresaid Proclamation, and Act of Council, and declare the same to be of no further force; and hereby ordain the Collectors, and others employed in Uplifting and Collecting Our Customs, to Levy and Collect the Custom, Excise, and other Duties Imposed upon Victual Imported from any Forraign Countrey, by Sea or Land, by whatsoever Law, or Act of Parliament, and appoint them to be Comptable to Us therefore, conform to the Laws made thereanent, as they were lyable to do before the said Proclamation, or Act. Our Will is herefore, and We Charge you straitly, and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head Burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority make Intimation hereof, that none pretend ignorance. And ordains these presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the Twenty one day of July, and of Our Reign the ninth Year, 1697.



Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii
GILB. ELIOT Cls. Sti. Concilii.

GOD save the King.

Edinburgh, Printed by the Heirs and Successors of Andrew Anderson, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty, 1697.